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1. Between 17 and 19 April, 16 JS-3 tanks, 34 JSU 122's, 27 trucks and about 300 troops were shipped on three trains from Burg toward Magdeburg.

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2. At 2200 hours on 19 April, 30 to 40 tanks were unloaded at the Granienburg railroad station. The shipment, which came from a northerly direction, moved to the Granienburg concentration camp. 2

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3. Units with about 25 x 76.2 mm and 8 x 100 mm AT guns, prime movers and trucks were entrained at Bernau between 20 and 23 April. The trains were observed passing through Eberswalde enroute toward Angermuende. 3
4. Soviet officers stated that those units which had been shipped from Fuerstenwalde to Lieberose on seven trains between 18 and 21 April will not again return to Fuerstenwalde. The barracks on Braunsdorferstrasse appeared vacant on 20 April. Curtains and pictures of Lenin and Stalin had been removed.
5. Advance parties arrived at the water training sites between Dessau and Aken on 18 April.

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6. Ten to 12 Mig-15's were observed on Peenemuende airfield on 3 April. ⁴
7. Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield has been occupied by six Mig-15's since the beginning of April.

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1. Comment: The entraining operations involved the departure of the 136th Guards Heavy Tank and SP Regiment of the 3rd Shock Army for Letaling Heath.

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2. Comment: The tanks were possible intended for a mechanized unit of the KVP which has moved into the eastern section of the SS Kaserne.

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4. Comment: Peenemuende airfield was vacated in late January because of high water. The reoccupation airfield after the end of the bad weather season is believed possible.

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